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From: Manzanilla, Enrique
Sent: Sun 7/23/2017 4:53:19 AM
Subject: Re: Exide

Hi Barbara:

For context, here is the email inquiry to our public affairs office:

From: Villarreal, Mireya [<mailto:VillarrealM@cbsnews.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, July 18, 2017 3:58 PM
To: Keener, Bill <Keener.Bill@epa.gov>; Zito, Kelly <ZITO.KELLY@EPA.GOV>
Cc: Villarreal, Luz <VillarrealL@cbsnews.com>
Subject: CBS News Inquiry

Hello Bill and Kelly-

I work with CBS News as a Correspondent and I'm doing a story on the Exide lead contamination in East LA.

There has recently been some questions and concerns raised about some of the funding, or lack thereof, for the clean-up of lead-infested properties.

In Flint, Michigan we saw the EPA come in and help with the investigation of the lead crisis and eventual clean-up.

County officials tell us, the EPA has not been "invited" to help with the Exide situation... so, that's why they're not stepping in.

Can you give me some insight here? Is that the case? How would you guys get involved in this situation?

If you're not familiar with Exide, let me know... and I can send you our previous story and other articles.

Thanks!

Mireya Villarreal

CBS Evening News – West Coast Correspondent

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Enrique Manzanilla
Director, Superfund Division
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On Jul 21, 2017, at 5:32 PM, Lee, Barbara@DTSC <Barbara.Lee@dtsc.ca.gov> wrote:

Hi Enrique,

Thank you for sharing the statement, and for Region 9's continued advice and support.

I hope you enjoy the weekend.

Best regards,

Barbara

Sent from my mobile device.

On Jul 21, 2017, at 4:50 PM, Manzanilla, Enrique <Manzanilla.Enrique@epa.gov> wrote:

This is the statement provided to reporter:

The California Department of Toxics Substances Control (DTSC) is the lead agency on the evaluation and cleanup of lead contamination for the Exide response. California has directed \$176.6M to fund this cleanup. DTSC issued the Final Remedial Action Plan and certified Environmental Impact Report on July 17, 2017 and is scheduled to be implemented in September of this year. You will need to reach out to DTSC for

details of this plan and timeline.

EPA has been working regularly with the state and other agencies to evaluate a range of approaches to address this complex site. This a normal part of our inter-agency deliberations for a site like this. EPA Region 9 is providing technical assistance and informal guidance on project and data management as well as providing oversight of DTSC's plans for closing the now shut-down facility.

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Enrique Manzanilla
Director, Superfund Division
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